AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (original) A crystalline tegaserod maleate Form I, characterized by an x-ray powder diffraction pattern having peaks expressed as 2θ at about 5.3, 5.9, 6.4, 10.7, 16.1 and 26.8 degrees.
2. (currently amended) A crystalline tegaserod maleate Form I as defined in claim 1, further characterized by an x-ray powder diffraction pattern as shown in figure 1.
3. (currently amended) A process for ~~preparation of~~ preparing tegaserod maleate Form I as defined in claim 1, which comprises:
   a) adding maleic acid to a solution of tegaserod free base in acetone; and
   b) Isolating tegaserod maleate Form I.
4. (currently amended) A process for ~~preparation of~~ preparing tegaserod maleate Form I as defined in claim 1, which comprises mixing tegaserod maleate and acetone and collecting tegaserod maleate Form I by filtration.
5. (original) A crystalline tegaserod maleate Form II, characterized by an x-ray powder diffraction pattern having peaks expressed as 2θ at about 5.3, 6.4, 6.9, 7.8, 8.7, 10.2, 10.8, 15.5, 16.8, 17.0, 19.5, 21.2, 21.7, 22.7 and 25.2 degrees.
6. (currently amended) A crystalline tegaserod maleate Form II as defined in claim 5, further characterized by an x-ray powder diffraction pattern as shown in figure 2.
7. (currently amended) A process for ~~preparation of~~ preparing tegaserod maleate Form II as defined in claim 5, which comprises:
   a) dissolving tegaserod maleate in methanol; and
   b) precipitating tegaserod maleate Form II from the solution by mixing with acetonitrile;

8. (original) A crystalline tegaserod maleate Form III, characterized by an x-ray powder diffraction pattern having peaks expressed as 2θ at about 7.0, 7.9, 8.7, 10.2, 15.6, 15.9, 17.0, 19.5, 25.3 and 27.1 degrees.
9. (currently amended) A crystalline tegaserod maleate Form III as defined in claim 8, further characterized by an x-ray powder diffraction pattern as shown in figure 3.
10. (currently amended) A process for ~~preparation of~~ preparing tegaserod maleate Form III as defined in claim 8, which comprises:
    a) mixing maleic acid and a solution of tegaserod free base in methanol; and
    b) collecting the solid separated by filtration.
11. (currently amended) A process for ~~the preparation of~~ preparing tegaserod maleate Form III as defined in claim 8, which comprises;
    a) dissolving tegaserod maleate in methanol;
    b) maintaining for about 30 minutes at about 20^0C to 25^0C to produce a solid; and
    c) collecting the solid ~~separated~~ by filtration.
12. (original) A crystalline tegaserod maleate Form IV, characterized by an x-ray powder diffraction pattern having peaks expressed as 2θ at about 6.9, 8.0, 10.3, 16.5, 19.6, 20.4, 20.9, 22.0, 23.2, 25.4, 28.0 and 28.7 degrees.
13. (currently amended) A crystalline tegaserod maleate Form IV as defined in claim 12, further characterized by an x-ray powder diffraction pattern as shown in figure 4.
14. (original) A process for preparation of tegaserod maleate Form IV as defined in claim 12, which comprises:
    a) mixing maleic acid and a solution of tegaserod free base in methanol; and
    b) precipitating tegaserod maleate Form IV by mixing with methylene dichloride or isopropyl alcohol.
15. (currently amended) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a crystalline form of tegaserod maleate and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.
16. (currently amended) A pharmaceutical composition as defined in claim 15, wherein the crystalline form is the tegaserod maleate Form I of claim 1.

17. (currently amended) A pharmaceutical composition as defined in claim 15, wherein the crystalline form is the tegaserod maleate Form II of claim 5.

18. (currently amended) A pharmaceutical composition as defined in claim 15, wherein the crystalline form is the tegaserod maleate Form III of claim 8.

19. (currently amended) A pharmaceutical composition as defined in claim 15, wherein the crystalline form is the tegaserod maleate Form IV of claim 12.